

RESOLUTION NO. 14-135

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that Marie Bostick will retire after 26 years of dedicated service to the City of Huntsville Planning Department to be effective February 28, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, Marie was born in Lafayette, Alabama, and spent most of her adult life in Huntsville. She graduated from Grissom High School in 1980 and attended Old Dominion University in Norfolk Virginia, obtaining a Bachelor of Science with a double major in Geography and Sociology. She then returned to Huntsville, enrolled at Alabama A & M University and obtained a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning in 1989; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Bostick's career with the City of Huntsville began in 1988 as a planner specializing in subdivision/site plan review and greenway planning. In 2000, she became Assistant Director of Current Planning with primary responsibilities including supervision of subdivision/land development, environmental projects, including flood mitigation grants, slope regulation, and zoning and annexation policies. In 2011, Ms. Bostick was appointed Interim Urban Development Director, supervising seven departments dealing with all aspects of the urban built environment. Currently, she holds the position of the Manager of Planning Administration for the City focusing on the many aspects of city planning. She was key facilitator in numerous public and private projects, including Twickenham Square and The Avenue; and,

WHEREAS, highlights of her professional career include the update of the City's Subdivision Regulations and Zoning Ordinances, overseeing the transition of the zoning enforcement functions of the City from the Inspection Department to a newly created Zoning Administration Division of the Planning Department. An avid preservationist, Ms. Bostick served as project lead on all greenway development and open space acquisition, and was instrumental in creating the Hays Nature Preserve, Goldsmith Schiffman Wildlife Sanctuary and Wade Mountain Preserve; and,

WHEREAS, Marie was most recently honored as Downtown Advocate of the Year 2012-2013 and recipient of the Benjamin Banneker award from Alabama A& M University's Department of Community Planning & Urban Studies Alumni Association; and,

WHEREAS, her past and present civic roles include: Trustee, Land Trust of North Alabama (1999-2004; 2009-present); Lands Committee Chair 2009; Board Secretary, 2011; Vice-Chair, 2012; Chair, 2013-2014; Huntsville Sports Commission; Big Spring Partners Board; Alabama Recreational Trails Advisory Board; American Planning Association;

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Alabama A & M University Department of Community Planning Advisory Board; Member, Huntsville Historic Preservation Commission; Secretary, Member, Board of Examinations and Appeals for Construction Industries; and Huntsville/Madison County Leadership Class 24 Graduate; and.,

WHEREAS, Ms. Bostick's personal interests are focused on environmental preservation and enjoying the outdoors. In her new position, she will serve as Executive Director of the Land Trust of North Alabama. Her leadership and presence will definitely be missed by the City, but she is looking forward to continuing to serve our community through her role with the Land Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that we express our appreciation to Marie Bostick for her long career with the City of Huntsville Planning and Urban Development Department, and her many accomplishments for the betterment of the department and our city. We congratulate her upon her retirement, and extend every good wish in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 27th day of February, 2014.

President of the City Council of the
City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 27th day of February, 2014.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama